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The Honorable Gray Davis  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol, 1st Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Davis:

We are writing to express our deep concern about your political strategy on negotiating the annual State Budget. It has been made clear through press reports that you have no intention on negotiating this budget through our Assembly Republican leadership. Instead, you seem intent on taking a more politically expedient road and are resorting to simply finding four votes from members within our caucus.

The differences that we have revolve around our desire to see the State get its fiscal house in order through three basic fundamental policy elements: not increasing taxes, capping spending, and eliminating out year deficits. We believe that all Californians are better served if you would focus on addressing these difficult policy elements, instead of taking a more politically expedient approach.

We are urging you to change your mind and negotiate a bi-partisan budget with Republicans, instead of alienating the almost 13 million constituents in this state that Republican caucus members represent. We are asking you to move beyond your political strategy and provide real leadership for the State of California. We are asking you to step beyond election year politics and collaborate with Republicans on crafting a more meaningful budget for all Californians.

Assembly Republicans are anxious to get a reasonable and responsible budget passed, and our leadership looks forward to working with you in crafting a bi-partisan budget that reflects the will of the people of California.

Sincerely,